

## REMEMBER:

- All drivers and passengers are required to wear seat belts (27315 VC).
- Any child under 4 years of age, or weighing less than 40 pounds, is required to be seated in a child passenger restraint system meeting federal safety guidelines (27360 VC).
- On January 1, 1993, the seat belt law became a primary violation. This means you can be stopped and cited for failure to wear a seat belt, even if you've committed no other violation.

## DO THE RIGHT THING:

Please don't drink and drive, and remember to buckle up.

## FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS DRIVE DRUNK



### WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

We invite you to join the partnership. You can become a Reserve Police Officer, join a Community Neighborhood Watch Group, attend the Citizen's Police Academy, become a Police Volunteer, participate in a citizen ride-along or just communicate your concerns and ideas to our Officers.

*Together, we can make a difference!*

For more information contact:

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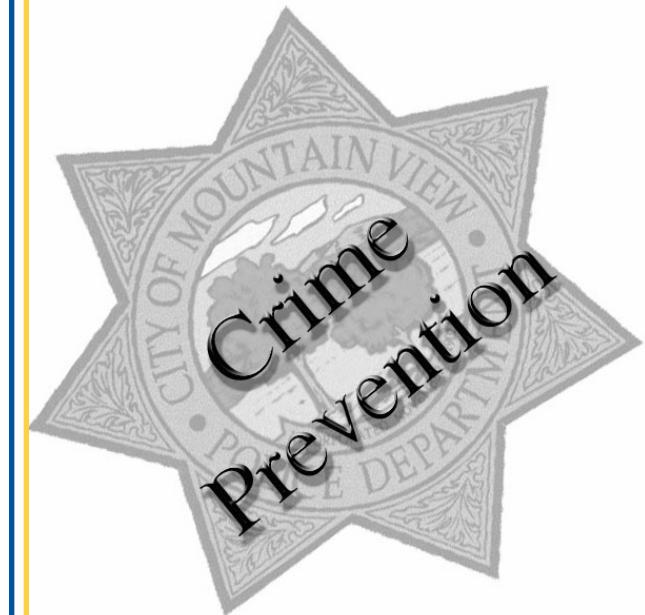
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DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE/SAFETY  
CHECKPOINT

MOUNTAIN VIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT

**YOU HAVE JUST DRIVEN THROUGH THE MOUNTAIN VIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT'S DUI (DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE) SAFETY CHECKPOINT.**

**IMPAIRED DRIVERS ARE THE SINGLE GREATEST THREAT MOTORISTS FACE. ONE OUT OF EVERY TWO AMERICANS WILL BE INVOLVED IN AN ALCOHOL-RELATED TRAFFIC COLLISION DURING THEIR LIFETIME.**

**THE TWO GREATEST IMPACTS WE CAN HAVE ON TRAFFIC SAFETY ARE REMOVING IMPAIRED DRIVERS FROM THE ROADS AND ENFORCING THE USE OF SEAT BELTS AND CHILD SAFETY SEATS.**

**DUI CHECKPOINTS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED TO ENSURE YOUR SAFETY AND TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF IMPAIRED DRIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING DURING THIS BRIEF INTERRUPTION IN YOUR TRAVEL.**

## **DUI**

The percentage of alcohol-related accidents has been dropping over the last decade due to vigorous enforcement of DUI laws. The Mountain View Police Department supports strict enforcement of DUI laws.

Still, between the ages of 1-34 years, traffic accidents are the greatest single cause of death.

- One of every two Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related accident within his or her lifetime.
- Nearly 23,000 people are killed every year in alcohol-related traffic accidents.
- One American life is lost every 22 minutes in an alcohol-related traffic accident.



Photo courtesy of Bob Weaver

## **DID YOU KNOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME DUI OFFENSE:**

- Your license would be suspended for four months (13353.2 VC).
- If you refuse a chemical test, your license would be suspended for one year (13353 VC).
- You could receive a jail sentence from four days to six months (23160 VC).
- You would be required to attend an alcohol or drug education program for a minimum of 30 hours (23161 VC).
- Costs associated with a DUI arrest including fines, penalties and attorneys fees could cost you up to \$7,000.
- You would be placed on probation for 3-5 years (23206 VC).

## **SEAT BELTS/ CHILD RESTRAINTS**

Seat belts and child restraints save lives. Not wearing a seat belt or failing to restrain your child will lessen your chance of surviving a traffic collision. Statistics from the California Highway Patrol show that in the investigating officer's opinion, 65% of those killed in traffic collisions would have survived if a seat belt had been worn.

The Mountain View Police Department is dedicated to saving lives. All officers in the department vigorously enforce seat belt and child restraint laws.